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Claim 1. (Previously amended) A modular rack-mounting system comprising:  
a frame suitable for mounting on an instrument rack, the frame forming a central compartment having a top, a bottom and two sides;  
a sleeve within which an instrument may be mounted, the sleeve being configured to be inserted and fit within the central compartment; and means for detachably securing the sleeve within the central compartment.

Claim 2. (Previously amended) The modular rack-mounting system as recited in claim 1 wherein the securing means comprises:

a spring mounted on the frame;  
a button mounted on the spring and extending through a hole in the frame into the central compartment to engage a corresponding hole in the sleeve when the sleeve is inserted within the central compartment, the button being accessible from the interior of the sleeve so that, when the button is depressed from the interior of the sleeve, the sleeve may be readily removed from the central compartment.

Claim 3. (Previously amended) The modular rack-mounting system as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame comprises:

a left portion having fingers; and  
a right portion having fingers, the fingers of the left and right portions interlocking with each other to assure rigidity of the frame.